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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Reviewer:

The attached Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan is a vital part of the future of Horicon and Fox River National Wildlife Refuges (NWR).

The purpose of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan is to guide Refuge management decisions over the next 15 years. We intend that the Plan provide a clear statement of the desired future condition of the Refuges. The Plan should provide for an understanding of Refuge management actions to all who are interested in Horicon and Fox River NWRs, and it should provide a sound basis for long-term operations, maintenance and capital improvement budget requests.

We invite you to review the Plan and tell us what you think. Your comments on the draft plan will help us write the final plan that is both visionary and practical. The Horicon Refuge will host an open house-style meeting sometime in early August. The time and location of this event will be announced in the local media and in the summary of the Plan.

Please address written comments to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Conservation Planning, Attn: Gary Muehlenhardt, BHW Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111. Comments can also be sent through the Service's Planning Website at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/horicon/index.html>.

In order for the Planning Team to consider your input when writing the final plan, we need to receive your written comments by **August 28, 2006**. However, comments received after that date are welcome for consideration in future management decisions.

Again, thank you for your time, thoughts, and interest in planning for Horicon and Fox River NWRs.

Sincerely,

Gary Muehlenhardt
Planning Team Leader